

9.	Bhuj	186
10.	Masana	302
11.	Panchmahal	140
12.	Rajkote	189
13.	Sabarkantha	176
14.	Sundernagar	140
15.	Surat	152
16.	Baroda	107
17.	Balsar	158
<hr/> Total		2875

**Doordarshan Relay Kendras to
Telecast Programmes of main
Doordarshan Kendras**

2900. SHRISURYA NARAYAN YADAV:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan Relay Kendras have been provided the facility to relay the telecasts of main Doordarshan Kendras of the State;

(b) if so, the number of Relay Kendras linked so far with the main Kendras; and

(c) the time by which the remaining Kendras are likely to be so linked?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Out of 528 TV transmitters presently functioning in the country, 197 TV transmitters relay the programmes of main Doordarshan Kendras in the respective States either through satellite or microwave mode of linkage.

(c) Linkage of the TV transmitters to the main Doordarshan Kendras in the respective States is being carried out in a phased manner depending upon availability of resources, requisite space segment capacity and commissioning of the microwave links engineered by the department of Telecommunications.

[English]

Range of Kasauli T.V. Tower

2901. SHRIPAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the present range of T.V. tower at Kasauli in Himachal Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): The high power (10 KW) TV transmitter functioning at Kasauli provides service within a range of about 220 Kms subject to local terrain conditions. This coverage area includes fringe areas also where elevated antennae and booster are required for obtaining reception.

**Sale of Postal Stationery through
General Stores**

2902. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have considered the desirability of starting the sale of Postal stationery through selected general stores operating in different markets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

A system of sale of postal stamps and stationery through stores is in existence from 1969.

(b) In this system postal stamps and stationery are sold through licensed agents for which they are paid a commission of 1.5% on sales. departmental stores, Super markets, Drug Stores and other stores, situated at a distance of not less than 150 yards from the nearest post office, can have the license. The licensee is not allowed more than Rs. 500/- in stamps in a day.

Committees/Boards Re-Constituted by Chandigarh Administration

2903. SHRI PAWANKUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chandigarh Administration has constituted/re-constituted some Advisory Committees, Boards and Corporations etc. since July this year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along-with their constitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Screening of Video Cassettes at Parlours

2904. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total yearly revenue earned by the Government from the screening of Video Cassettes at Parlours and at home;

(b) the revenue earned from the screening of Cassettes at Home through Cable TVs and in air conditioned buses and hotels;

(c) whether the net collections from the Cinema Theatres in India have come down due to Video Exhibition and Cable TVs; and

(d) if so, the steps Government is contemplating to remedy the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) and (b). The scheme of the legislative powers of the States and the Union Government gives complete powers to the State Governments in the matter of entertainment tax for exhibition of films. No statistical information about the revenue of State Governments from screening of video cassettes at Parlours, Homes, Air-conditioned buses, hotels, and also through cable TVs, is collected and maintained by the Union Government in the Ministry of information and Broadcasting.

(c) and (d). The Central Government have no statistics on the net collections from the Cinema Theaters in India as it is a State subject. However, the Government is seized of the problems the film industry is facing due to Video Piracy, Cable TV Networks etc.,

The Central Government has instructed the State Government to effectively enforce the provisions of the Copyright Act, 1957 as amended from time to time, which are considered to be adequate, through creation of Special Police Cells for investigation of copyright offences, bringing Video Parlours and Shops under a licensing regime, giving necessary powers for enforcement to Entertainment Tax recovery agencies, collecting crime statistics of copyright offences exclusively etc.